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SUBJECT: PRC SEISMIC AND LASER DELEGATIONS

1. LASER DELEGATION SHOULD DEPART PEKING SOMETIME BETWEEN JUNE 7 AND JUNE 12, DEPENDING UPON WHETHER GROUP CHOOSES TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS CONFERENCE ON QUANTUM ELECTRONICS WHICH BEGINS JUNE 10 IN CALIFORNIA. CHINESE APPARENTLY VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN CONFERENCE, BUT ARE CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE ROC INVOLVEMENT IN IEEE.

2. BOTH LASER AND SEISMIC GROUPS PLAN TO VISIT CANADA FOLLOWING US TOUR SO WE ARE UNABLE AT PRESENT TO PREDICT THEIR DATES OF RETURN TO PEKING.

3. FYI: PRCLO TO DATE HAS NOT ENTERTAINED GOVERNMENT-FACILITATED US DELEGATIONS. SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY HAS NOT ARISEN AS US DELEGATIONS NEITHER DEPART FROM NOR RETURN TO WASHINGTON AS A GROUP. OUR DELEGATIONS DO GATHER IN TOWN FOR ONE-DAY BRIEFING SEVERAL MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE. PRCLO HAS KNOWN OF THIS AND HAS OFFERED FILMS FOR BRIEFING, BUT NO BANQUETS. PRCLO OCCASIONALLY HAS OFFERED LUNCH, A TEA, OR DINNER TO PRIVATE AMERICAN
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DELEGATIONS HEADED FOR PRC.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO USLO ISSUING LOW-KEY

INVITATION TO DEPARTURE BANQUET FOR LASER DELEGATION.
PLEASE REPORT CHINESE RESPONSE. RUSH

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